



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Hero Dog Day

WHEREAS, America has been defined in part by its heroes; and

WHEREAS, America's human heroes and first-responders have been well-served by search and rescue dogs, law enforcement and arson-detection dogs and military dogs that risk their own lives to save human ones by detecting bombs and other explosives – with loyalty and courage; and

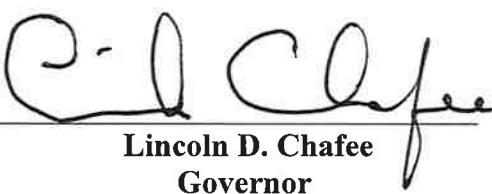
WHEREAS, service dogs trained to help the blind, the hearing impaired, people in wheelchairs or people needing alerts to other medical conditions that could create medical emergencies have worked tirelessly and obediently to support their owners; and

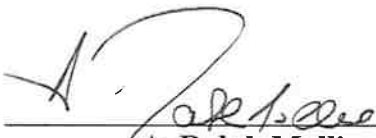
WHEREAS, some of America's pet dogs – though untrained in special skills - have performed extraordinary acts of kindness, comfort or service in innovative roles including comforting children hospitalized with cancer, the elderly in nursing homes and veterans suffering post traumatic stress disorder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2012 Hero Dog Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 4th day of September, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State